

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Pending Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A reclosable bag comprising:

a receptacle comprising first and second walls joined at their sides, said first and second walls comprising respective upper marginal portions that form a mouth at a top of said receptacle and respective lower portions at a bottom of said receptacle, said upper marginal portions of said first and second walls being bounded at the top by respective top edges of said first and second walls;

a first string zipper comprising a first pair of mutually interlockable flangeless zipper parts having backs respectively joined to said upper marginal portions of said first and second walls adjacent or near to said top edges of said first and second walls;

a second string zipper comprising a second pair of mutually interlockable flangeless zipper parts having backs respectively joined to said lower portions of said first and second walls;

a slider mounted on said first string zipper for opening and closing said first string zipper, said slider comprising first and second side walls that are spaced apart to define a passageway therebetween for passage therethrough of said first string zipper, wherein a portion of said top edge upper marginal portion of said first wall that is joined to said back of one flangeless zipper part of said first string zipper is disposed between said one flangeless zipper part and said first side wall of said slider, and a portion of said top edge upper marginal portion of said second wall that

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~~is joined to said back of the other flangeless zipper part of said first string zipper is are disposed between said other flangeless zipper part and said first and second side walls wall of said slider; and~~

a flap extending downward from said bottom of said receptacle.

Claim 2 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap is integrally formed with said first wall.

Claim 3 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap comprises first and second holes.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim ~~4~~<sup>5</sup> (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap comprises a line of weakened tear resistance.

Claim ~~5~~<sup>6</sup> (Original): The bag as recited in claim ~~5~~<sup>6</sup>, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a series of spaced perforations.

Claim ~~6~~<sup>7</sup> (Original): The bag as recited in claim ~~5~~<sup>6</sup>, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a scoreline.

Claim ~~7~~<sup>8</sup> (Original): The bag as recited in claim ~~5~~<sup>8</sup>, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance extends across substantially the entire length of said flap.

Claim ~~8~~<sup>9</sup> (Previously Presented): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said slider further comprises a plow that partitions said passageway into first and second spaces respectively occupied by portions of said respective flangeless zipper parts of said first string zipper, said

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upper marginal portions of said first and second walls passing through said first and second spaces respectively.

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Claim <sup>8</sup> ~~10~~ (Previously Presented): The bag as recited in claim <sup>8</sup>, wherein said slider further comprises a first retaining ledge projecting from said first side wall into said passageway, and a second retaining ledge projecting from said second side wall into said passageway, said first retaining ledge being latched under a portion of said one zipper part of said first string zipper, and said second retaining ledge being latched under a portion of said other zipper part of said first string zipper.

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Claim <sup>11</sup> ~~11~~ (Previously Presented): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said one zipper part of said first string zipper comprises first and second male profiles, and said other zipper part of said first string zipper comprises first and second female profiles that respectively receive said male profiles when said first string zipper is closed.

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Claim <sup>12</sup> ~~12~~ (Original): The bag as recited in claim <sup>11</sup>, wherein one of said zipper parts of said second string zipper comprises third and fourth male profiles, and the other zipper part of said second string zipper comprises third and fourth female profiles in which said third and fourth male profiles are respectively received.

Claims 13-26 (Canceled).

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Claim <sup>21</sup> ~~21~~ <sup>Currently amended</sup> (Previously Presented): A reclosable bag comprising:

a receptacle having a top and a bottom, said top comprising first and second top edges along a mouth of said receptacle;

a first string zipper attached to said top of said receptacle for providing access to an interior volume of said receptacle, said first string zipper comprising first and second flangeless zipper parts that are mutually interlockable and have respective backs joined to said top of said receptacle;

a second string zipper attached to said bottom of said receptacle, said second string zipper comprising third and fourth flangeless zipper parts that are mutually interlockable and have respective backs joined to said bottom of said receptacle;

a slider mounted on said first string zipper for opening and closing said first string zipper, said slider comprising first and second sidewalls;

a flap extending downward from said bottom of said receptacle, said flap comprising a discontinuity and a line of weakened tear resistance that traverses an area disposed between said second string zipper and said discontinuity,

wherein said second string zipper has no slider mounted thereon and respective portions of said first and second top edges of said receptacle are disposed between said first and second sidewalls of said slider.

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Claim 28 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said flap further comprises a second discontinuity spaced apart from said discontinuity on the same side of said line of weakened tear resistance.

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Claim 29 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said receptacle comprises first and second walls, and said flap is integrally formed with said first wall.

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Claim *30* (Original): The bag as recited in claim *27, 12* wherein said discontinuity comprises a hole.

Claim 31 (Canceled).

*16*  
Claim *32* (Original): The bag as recited in claim *27, 12* wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a series of spaced perforations.

*17*  
Claim *33* (Original): The bag as recited in claim *27, 12* wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a scoreline.

Claims 34-41 (Canceled).

*18*  
Claim *42* (Previously Presented): The bag as recited in claim *27*, wherein said flap is the only portion of said bag that extends downward beyond said second string zipper.